

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004, Claims 1-14 have been cancelled. New claims 15-18 have been added to point out distinct features of the invention that are supported by the specification as originally filed. Claims 15-18 are substantially similar to claims set forth in US Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/060,329. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner commence an Interference proceeding against the '329 application on the grounds that claims 15-18 are supported by the subject application as originally filed, which has an earlier priority date. (See MPEP 2304).

If any matters can be resolved by telephone, Applicant requests that the Patent and Trademark Office call the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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